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IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF:

Heidi L. JACQUIN et al.

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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- 1. Preliminary Amendment;
- 2. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); and
- 3. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) with one (1) reference provided.

In the event any fees are incurred upon the filing of this document, please charge the undersigned's Deposit Account 50-0311, Reference No. 27688-003. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 464-8130.

Dated: March 24, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (*Ref. No. 27688-003*).